

REMARKS

The claims appearing in this application were 1-11. Claim 1-5 and 7-11 were rejected over the prior art as being fully anticipated or obvious. Claim 6 was objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Claim 1 has been amended to include the limitations of claims 4, 5 and 6 and thus, it is respectfully submitted that claim 1 now conforms to claim 6 rewritten in independent form including all limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. It is therefore respectfully submitted that claim 1 as amended is allowable over the references of record.

Claims 2, 3 and 7-11 are dependent from claim 1 as amended and contain all limitations set forth in claim 1 and in addition thereto, further add limitations to the patentable structure as defined in claim 1. It is therefore respectfully submitted that claims 2, 3 and 7-11 are also allowable over the references of record.

Applicant has thoroughly analyzed each of the claims as amended and under consideration herein in view of the teachings of each of the references as well as the references identified in the Information Disclosure Statement submitted herewith. Applicant respectfully submits that the structure as defined in the claims presently under consideration defines subject matter which is patentably distinct over each of the references cited herein and in the Information Disclosure Statement taken separately or together. Therefore, Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of the claims as set forth herein and the issuance of a Notice of Allowance with respect thereto.

In view of the foregoing Amendments and these remarks, Applicant respectfully submits that the claims presently appearing herein are all patentable and Applicant, therefore, respectfully requests the issuance of a Notice of Allowance with respect thereto.

Respectfully submitted,

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